After April 1 1988, semen must be from boars that have an index of 100 or more under the federal-provincial Swine ROP program (or equivalent testing program).

A grant of \$250 per year will be paid to producers on the completion of a 12 month, rodent-control program by a professional licensed exterminator.

the Ontario Swine Herd Health Policy (OSHHP). and; (ii) to depopulate and restock their herds

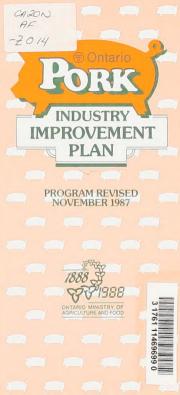
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OR TELEPHONE GUELPH - 519-824-4120.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

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INTRODUCTION:

The Ontario pork industry is an important part of the agricultural sector, providing high quality food for domestic needs and for the export market.

The Ontano Pork Industry Improvement Plan was introduced to improve the competitive position of Ontano producers and encourage improvements in the production and financial management areas of indi-

Areas being stressed include: record keeping, enterprise analysis, improvement to capital facilities, breeding, and herd health. This five-year plan is effective from Anril 1, 1986, to March 31, 1991.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the Ontario Pork Industry Improvement

- · have a principal residence in Ontario
- own or lease facilities in Ontario for pork production (lessees are eligible if they have a written lease with the owner); facilities may include land and/or buildings.
- have at least 20 sow equivalents. One sow equivalent is equal to one sow or 15 market weight hogs marketed annually.
- · complete and submit required production records.
- use boars that have an index of 100 or more under the federal-provincial Swine ROP program (or equivalent testing program) for replacement sires and A.I. sires after April 1, 1988.

Partnerships and corporations are limited to the same

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Enrolment forms are available at local Ministry of Agriculture and Food offices. After enrolments are processed, producers will receive enrolment numbers, production record forms and application forms for incentive grants.

Grant applications must be submitted to the local office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food and be accompanied by itemized receipts, indicating payment has 'The passages in darker type indicate new or revised aspects of the program. been made in full

Local capital grants inspectors will verify improvements or equipment purchased

PLAN BENEFITS AVAILABLE

- 1. Swine Production Analysis Grant
 - A grant of \$5 per sow equivalent will be available annually. The maximum grant for finishing operations will be \$200 and, for farrowing and farrow-to-finish operations, the minimum will be \$200 and the maximum \$500.

Producers wishing to take part in the Ontano Pork Industry Improvement Plan must submit monthly production records every quarter. Producers must submit information on purchases, sales, production and inventories. A confidential computer report will be compiled for each producer from these records.

Ministry staff will be available to interpret the results. Producers will receive the annual grant when they have submitted production records for one calendar year.

The exception is in the year of enrolment when production records are required in the quarter of enrolment or the following quarter.

Pocket diaries, to record all the information required on the quarterly production record forms, are available from Ministry offices.

Producers will be eligible to receive the other grants available under the plan after submission of records for one quarter. To maintain eligibility, producers must continue to submit production records on a quarterly basis.

2. Enterprise Analysis Grant

A grant of \$100 per year is available to a producer who supplies financial records annually in an approved format to the ministry for enterprise analysis.

inistry staff are available to assist in interpreting sults.

Producers will receive a confidential computer ousiness analysis which will identify the strengths and weaknesses of the farm business The analysis can be used to monitor changes, over time, within the farm business and can also be used to compare the farm's performance against the average of others in the same type of enterprise.

3. Swine Ventilation Grant

A grant of two-thirds of the cost of ventilation materials is available to correct ventilation problems to a maximum of \$1500 during the course of the plan.

Producers must provide a written explanation of their ventilation problem.

Eligible items include: fans, thermostats, heat exchangers, insulation materials, air vents, materials for natural ventilation, recirculation systems, heaters, monitoring equipment, electrical wring for ventilation systems and cooling equipment.

OMAF agricultural engineers are available for consultation on ventilation systems. Materials and equipment may be new or used and must be supported by itemized receipts.

- Productivity and Quality Improvement Grant
 A grant of two thirds of the cost of materials
 - A grant of two-thirds of the cost of materials available.

Engible projects include

- scales for weighing pigs or fee
- bish processes washers
- high pressure washers
- electronic pregnancy detection equipment
- material for rodent control barriers,
- on the farm,
- · slatted floors in farrowing pens.

Materials and equipment may be new or used and must be supported by itemized receipts.

5. Artificial Insemination Grant A grant of one-third of the cost up to \$50

is available: The cost of and commercial transportation charges for fresh or frozen swine semen and the cost of an OMAF approved swine AI. training course are eligible for the grant. Semen must be purchased from a licensed Ontario